

IN THE CLAIMS

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Before claim 1, change "Patent Claims" to --I CLAIM:--

Please amend claims 1-7 as follows:

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1. (amended) A device for actuating a security device, preferably for securing a motor vehicle against unauthorized use, [in which] comprising a control unit [has] having means for transmitting a first coded electromagnetic signal (stimulus signal), [in which] a portable transmitter (radio key) [has] having means for receiving the stimulus signal and for transmitting a second coded electromagnetic signal (enable signal), and [in which] wherein the control unit is connected to the security device and actuates the latter if the enable signal is received and recognized, wherein both the control unit and the radio key have means for altering [the] carrier frequency of the coded electromagnetic signals and wherein they alter [this] said frequency during signal transmission in a manner [which is] known only to the control unit and to the radio key.

2. (amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the radio key has a narrowband transmitter, [whose] transmission frequency of which is controllable [can be

controlled] and wherein the radio key alters its transmission frequency over intervals of time when transmitting signals.

3. (amended) The device as claimed in claim 2, wherein [the] said control unit has a tunable narrowband receiver having the same frequency range as the transmitter in the radio key.

4. (amended) The device as claimed in claim 1 [one of the preceding claims], wherein [the] manner in which the carrier frequency is to be changed is contained in the stimulus signal (1) as a coded information item for transmission to the radio key.

5. (amended) The device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the stimulus signal (1) contains a random number and the carrier frequencies are determined by applying a cryptoalgorithm (3) to [this] said stimulus signal (1) and, in this context, particularly to the random number contained in the stimulus signal (1).

6. (amended) The device as claimed in claim 4, wherein [the] selection of the carrier frequency [selection] at the receiver and transmitter ends is determined, using [the] a coded information item in the stimulus signal, by